

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 29, 2004. Presently, Claims 1-54 are pending. Claims 1-54 are subject to restriction to one of the following inventions.

- I. Claims 1-25, 40, 44-48, and 52-54, drawn to a fire extinguisher.
- II. Claims 26-39, 41-43, 49-51, and 49-51, drawn to a gas generator.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Claims 1-25, 40, 44-48, and 52-54 for initial prosecution.

Claims 26-39, 41-43, and 49-51 are canceled without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application for the subject matter of the canceled claims.

If the Examiner has any further questions or concerns, the Examiner may contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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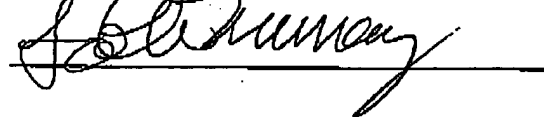


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